

25. (Amended) A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred a mixture of alcohols in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred, and wherein the mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent, comprises as to the alcohols therein about 80 to about 94 vol. % ethanol and about 6 to about 20 vol. % of methanol, isopropanol and mixtures thereof.

Remarks

Claims 15 to 25 remain in the case.

The claims have been amended to only claim as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent the alcohol or mixture of alcohols. The prior art rejection under anticipation, 35USC102 is clearly obviated because of this restriction. There can be no hair growth accelerating amount of CATA present in the claims, the disclosure of Schwen.

As previously presented, there is no disclosure in any of the cited references that alcohol brings about accelerated hair growth in the claimed situation. Therefore, none of the obviousness prior art combinations can be maintained since any alcohol disclosed to be employed as a carrier, whether in a long list of potential formulation components or as used in a specific example cannot be employed in an obviousness rejection for accelerating hair growth. There is no motivation to do so for the method claims in this application.

*Applicants by their attorney respectfully request reconsideration
and allowance of the amended claims.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Claims

B¹ X 15. A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred an alcohol or mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent, in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred.

y 22. A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia wherein alopecia has occurred after the hair has been clipped which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred an alcohol or mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent, in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred.

B² *y* 23. A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred an alcohol or mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent, in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred and wherein the alcohol is methanol or the mixture of alcohols has methanol.

y 24. A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred an alcohol or mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth accelerating agent, in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred and wherein a portion of the stratum corneum of the skin wherein alopecia has occurred has

been removed prior to application of the alcohol or mixture of alcohols.

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- y 25. A method for accelerating growth of hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred a mixture of alcohols in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred, and wherein the mixture of alcohols comprises as to the alcohols therein about 80 to about 94 vol. % ethanol and about 6 to about 20 vol. % of methanol, isopropanol and mixtures thereof.
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